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APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits a response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant notes, with thanks, the Examiner's allowance of claims 3, 5-6, 8-9 and 11. Applicant believes that all the claims indicated as allowable are patentable. Furthermore, other distinctions between one or more of the claims and cited art, in addition to, or instead of, the Examiner's reasons for allowance, may exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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